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**TALKING POINTS WITH GENERAL CHI (CHURR)**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- \* Note sustained momentum in bilateral relations since your visit to China
- \* Bodes well for the advancement of mil-to-mil relations between U.S. and China
- \* Describe SECDEF's continuing interest in GEN Chi's visit
- \* Remind that SECDEF will call from Brussels Monday evening

**2. DESCRIBE YOUR VISION FOR MIL-TO-MIL CONTACT WITH PLA (TAB A)**

- \* Counterpart visits enhance mutual understanding and recognition of concerns
- \* Welcome frank discussion of concerns between U.S. and PLA at all levels
- \* Express desire to broaden mil-to-mil contact to include multilateral conferences and a bilateral exercise

**3. PRESENT GEN CHI WITH A LIST OF PACOM MULTILATERAL CONFERENCES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1997 (TAB B)**

- \* GEN Chi's visit gives you the chance to bypass many of Beijing's bureaucratic thickets and increases likelihood for greater PLA participation
- \* DATT Beijing presented this list to his PLA counterpart in November
- \* PLA participation in PACOM multinational fora is one of SECDEF's "concrete deliverables" (TAB C: SECDEF TALKING POINTS)
- \* Mention that most of the conferences on the list are held every year

**4. CITE A SAREX AS ONE EXAMPLE OF POSSIBLE BILATERAL EXERCISE (TAB D)**

- \* Opportunity for two militaries to work together toward a common goal
- \* Bilateral exercise is another SECDEF "concrete deliverable"
- \* Just completed SAREX in Hong Kong included 36 Chinese observers
- \* Perhaps this is type of exercise that would allow us to forge closer relations

**5. CLOSING REMARKS**

- \* Discuss briefly the activities planned for GEN Chi and Madame Jiang's visit
- \* Note that you have asked the Component Commanders to join you during the Command Strategy Brief and for lunch following

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